Withdrawn:

Collins Amendment No. 277 (to Amendment No. 275), to extend the deadline by which State identification documents shall comply with certain minimum standards.

Pages \$2443, \$2446-47

Bingaman/Domenici Amendment No. 281 (to Amendment No. 275), to provide financial aid to local law enforcement officials along the Nation's borders.

Pages S2443, S2460

Pending:

Reid Amendment No. 275, in the nature of a substitute. Pages S2443–60, S2460–72

Sununu Amendment No. 291 (to Amendment No. 275), to ensure that the emergency communications and interoperability communications grant program does not exclude Internet Protocol-based interoperable solutions.

Pages S2445–46

Sununu Amendment No. 292 (to Amendment No. 275), to expand the reporting requirement on cross border interoperability, and to prevent lengthy delays in the accessing frequencies and channels for public safety communication users and others.

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Salazar/Lieberman Modified Amendment No. 290 (to Amendment No. 275), to require a quadrennial homeland security review. Pages \$2457-59

Salazar Amendment No. 280 (to Amendment No. 275), to create a Rural Policing Institute as part of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center.

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DeMint Amendment No. 314 (to Amendment No. 275), to strike the provision that revises the personnel management practices of the Transportation Security Administration. Pages \$2464, \$2465-70

Lieberman Amendment No. 315 (to Amendment No. 275), to provide appeal rights and employee engagement mechanisms for passenger and property screeners.

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McCaskill Amendment No. 316 (to Amendment No. 315), to provide appeal rights and employee engagement mechanisms for passenger and property screeners.

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Dorgan/Conrad Amendment No. 313 (to Amendment No. 275), to require a report to Congress on the hunt for Osama Bin Laden, Ayman al-Zawahiri, and the leadership of al Qaeda. Pages \$2470-72

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Friday, March 2, 2007; that the time until 10 a.m. be for concurrent debate on Sununu Amendment No. 292 and Salazar Amendment No. 280 (both listed above); that the time be equally divided and controlled between Senator Sununu and Senator Salazar, or their designees; that no amendments be in order to either amendment prior to the vote; that at 10 a.m., the Senate

vote on or in relation to Sununu Amendment No. 292; that, upon disposition of Sununu Amendment No. 292, the Senate vote on or in relation to Salazar Amendment No. 280; and that there be 2 minutes, equally divided and controlled, for debate between the votes.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

- 30 Air Force nominations in the rank of general. 1 Army nomination in the rank of general.
- 12 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of gen-

eral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy. Pages S2533-34, S2541

Messages from the House:

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Additional Cosponsors: Pages \$2487-90

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Additional Statements: Page S2486

Amendments Submitted: Pages S2517-33

Authorities for Committees to Meet: Page S2533

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—56)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:40 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, March 2, 2007.

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2008 for the Department of Commerce, after receiving testimony from Carlos M. Gutierrez, Secretary, William Jeffrey, Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Technology Administration, and Jon W. Dudas, Director, Patent and Trademark Office, all of the Department of Commerce.

AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Afghanistan, after receiving testimony from Eric S. Edelman, Under Secretary of Defense for Policy; Lieutenant General Douglas E. Lute, USA, Director for Operations, J–3, The Joint Staff; General James L. Jones, Jr., USMC (Ret.), Former Commander, United States European Command and Supreme Allied Commander, Europe; and Barnett R. Rubin, New York University Center on International Cooperation, New York, New York.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 2008 for defense and war costs, after receiving testimony from Gordon England, Deputy Secretary, and Tina W. Jonas, Under Secretary (Comptroller) and Chief Financial Officer, both of the Department of Defense; and Admiral Edmund P. Giambastiani, Jr., Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the present and future of the universal service fund, after receiving testimony from Deborah Taylor Tate, and Michael J. Copps, both a Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission, Larry S. Landis, Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, Indianapolis, John Downes Burke, Vermont Public Service Board, Montpelier, and Billy Jack Gregg, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, Charleston, all of the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service; David Crothers, North Dakota Association of Telephone Cooperatives, Mandan, on behalf of the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association; Brian K. Staihr, Embarq Corporation, Overland Park, Kansas; Richard Massey, Alltel Corporation, Little Rock, Arkansas; Tom Tauke, Verizon, Washington, D.C.; and Tom Simmons, Midcontinent Communications, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

ANNUAL ENERGY OUTLOOK

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Energy Information Administration's Annual Energy Outlook 2007, after receiving testimony from Guy Caruso, Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy.

SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY SELF-DETERMINATION ACT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands and Forests concluded a hearing to examine S. 380, to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, after receiving testimony from Mark Rey, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Natural Resources and Environment; Julie Jacobson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Land and Minerals Management; John Douglas Robertson, Douglas County Board of Commissioners, Roseburg, Oregon; Jonathan Kusel, Sierra Institute for Community and Environment, Taylorsville, California; and Michael A. Francis, Wilderness Society, Washington, D.C.

GLOBAL WARMING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee held a hearing to examine state, local, and regional government approaches to address global warming, receiving testimony from New Jersey Governor Jon S. Corzine, Trenton; California State Assembly Representative Fabian Nunez, and California State Senator Don Perata, both of Sacramento; Oklahoma State Representative Dennis Adkins, Oklahoma City; Colorado State Senator Ted Harvey, Denver; Mayor Greg Nickels, Seattle, Washington; Mayor Frank Cownie, Des Moines, Iowa; and Mayor Richard P. Homrighausen, Dover, Ohio.

Hearings recessed subject to the call.

MEDICARE PAYMENTS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Medicare payments for physician services, focusing on new approaches to the sustainable growth rate (SGR) system used in Medicare's physician payment system, after receiving testimony from Peter R. Orszag, Director, Congressional Budget Office; Glenn M. Hackbarth, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, Washington, D.C.; and Cecil B. Wilson, Winter Park, Florida, on behalf of the American Medical Association, and Byron Thames, both of AARP, Orlando, Florida.

FEDERAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security concluded a hearing to examine improving federal financial management, focusing on the progress that has been made and the challenges ahead, after receiving testimony from Linda M. Combs, Controller, Office of Management and Budget; and David M. Walker, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office

ASBESTOS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety concluded a hearing to examine asbestos, focusing on efforts to better protect the health of American workers and their families, after receiving testimony from John Thayer, Supervisor, Capitol Power Plant Tunnel Crew, Office of the Architect of the Capitol; Harvey I. Pass, New York University School of Medicine, New York, New York; Richard Wilson, Harvard University Department of Physics and Center for Risk Analysis, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Barry Castleman, Garrett Park, Maryland; and Susan Vento, Maplewood, Minnesota.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

- S. 378, to amend title 18, United States Code, to protect judges, prosecutors, witnesses, victims, and their family members, with an amendment;
- S. 442, to provide for loan repayment for prosecutors and public defenders, with amendments;
- S. Con. Res. 10, honoring and praising the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on the occasion of its 98th anniversary;
- H. Con. Res. 44, honoring and praising the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on the occasion of its 98th anniversary;
- S. Res. 78, designating April 2007 as "National Autism Awareness Month" and supporting efforts to increase funding for research into the causes and treatment of autism and to improve training and support for individuals with autism and those who care for individuals with autism;

S. Res. 84, observing February 23, 2007, as the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the slave trade in the British Empire, honoring the distinguished life and legacy of William Wilberforce, and encouraging the people of the United States to follow the example of William Wilberforce by selflessly pursuing respect for human rights around the world; and

The nominations of John Preston Bailey, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of West Virginia, Otis D. Wright II, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California, and George H. Wu, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters and adopted its rules of procedure for the 110th Congress.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 54 public bills, H.R. 1254–1307; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 76–77 and H. Res. 207–209, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows: H.R. 137, to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen prohibitions against animal fighting, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–27, Pt. 1).

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Employee Free Choice Act: The House passed H.R. 800, to amend the National Labor Relations Act to establish an efficient system to enable employees to form, join, or assist labor organizations and to provide for mandatory injunctions for unfair

labor practices during organizing, by a recorded vote of 241 ayes to 185 noes, Roll No. 118.

Pages H2054-91

Rejected the McKeon motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Education and Labor with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 202 ayes to 225 noes with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 117.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and Labor now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read.

Pages H2078-89

Rejected:

King (IA) amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 110–26) that sought to add a section to the bill to